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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/233,218
Filed: January 20, 1999
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with the Tetrapyrrole Pathway
Applicants: CAJACOB *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.231

Sir:

The following document is forwarded herewith via facsimile for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment After Final Rejection.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.231. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment is being facsimile transmitted to the attention of Examiner Young Kim, via facsimile number (703) 746-3172.

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2003 (Paper Number 27), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

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